



## **King County**

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## **Decision to Proceed**

The Executive of King County has made a “Decision to Proceed” with the Agency Action, as described below.

## **Proposal Name**

Jan Road Levee Setback Project

## **Proposal Description**

King County proposes to remove approximately 1,200 linear feet of the existing Jan Road Levee along the Cedar River to restore 14 acres of the floodplain. The project also includes construction of nearly a half mile of new aquatic habitat through the floodplain to improve natural river processes, function, and habitat for fish including ESA-listed Chinook salmon and steelhead. To maintain flood protection for people living in the floodplain, the County will relocate the levee away from the river to the maximum available alignment. Also, a 5-foot wide fish-passable box culvert will replace a 12-inch wide culvert pipe under an existing sole access road. Other elements to improve floodplain functions and provide benefits to salmonid habitat include large wood placement in the mainstem and floodplain side channels as well as the upland floodplain. Up to 71 pieces of large wood will be installed landward of OHWM along the bio-engineered relocated levee and another 353 pieces would be installed for habitat forming purposes in the side channel and as woody debris jams in and along the river.

The project will also provide the required mitigation for aquatic habitat impacts associated with the relocation of naturally occurring large wood within the Cedar River in 2017, in accordance with the 2017 Cedar River Wood Relocation Hydraulic Permit Approval (HPA). The HPA requires that the final mitigation plan be developed through collaboration with King County, Washington Department of Fish

and Wildlife (WDFW), and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe Fisheries Division (MITFD).

King County issued a Determination of Non-Significance for the Jan Road Levee Setback Project and has fully complied with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) as required under WAC 197-11 and RCW 43.21C.

The Executive has considered the DNS for Jan Road Levee Setback Project and finds it adequate for purposes of making this Decision to Proceed with Jan Road Levee Setback Project.

This Decision to Proceed constitutes a final decision for purposes of appeal of King County's compliance with SEPA. The Executive authorizes the publication and filing of a Notice of Action pursuant to RCW 43.21C.080. Any judicial appeal must be brought within the time and in the manner specified in RCW 42.21C.080.

### **Agency Action**

King County will now move forward with design, permitting and construction of the Jan Road Levee Setback Project.

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Date